

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of the “Swanee Quintet”, celebrating 58 years, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the “Parade of Quartets”

WHEREAS, the “Swanee Quintet” is one of the well-known and respected gospel groups in the gospel music industry; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Brown, Rufus Washington and William Crawford started performing in 1945, in Georgia and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, James Anderson and Rubin Willingham were added, giving birth to the “Swanee Quintet”. Other long-time members have included Johnny Jones and Percy Griffin; and

WHEREAS, the “Swanee Quintet” legendary status is reflected by their inclusion in the recently completed documentary on "The Living Legends of Gospel", which was hosted by Lou Rawls; and

WHEREAS, the “Swanee Quintet”, in 1956, became the first black gospel group to have its own touring bus; and

WHEREAS, the “Swanee Quintet” were the first quartet to host a radio show; and

WHEREAS, their first broadcasts were on Augusta radio station WTNT before moving to WGAC radio station for about 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the “Swanee Quintet” has performed before international audiences around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim November 6, 2004, as “SWANEE QUINTET DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, in celebration of outstanding community service and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 6th day of November 2004.

Mayor